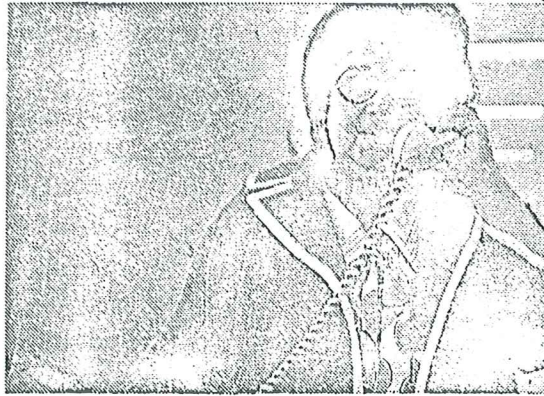




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Harriet Sherman . . . "Like a Ping-Pong ball."

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HARRIET SHERMAN says she is "a girl without a county."

In a hearing before Judge Robert L. Hunter yesterday, Mrs. Sherman, 7119 S. Crandon Av., asked that he disqualify himself from her divorce case.

Her request was sent to Chief Circuit Court Judge John S. Boyle for a decision. Boyle told Mrs. Sherman:

"Look, we have 236 judges in Cook County. Won't one of them do?"

"No," said Mrs. Sherman, acting as her own attorney. She wanted the case to go to downstate Cairo. Boyle transferred it to Du Page County.

THAT DIDN'T make Mrs. Sherman happy. No county in the Chicago area will give her a fair trial, she added.

Mrs. Sherman said Chicago area judges don't like her

because she works for Sherman Skolnick, a legal researcher who has been investigating the court system.

Mrs. Sherman's case had been assigned to Hunter, chief judge of the Divorce Division of Circuit Court. She sought the change because of what she claimed were Hunter's past political activities. He was Republican candidate for mayor in 1955.

Mrs. Sherman also said she didn't want Hunter because he had served as secretary of the Fox Valley Trotting Club in which he had held stock.

SO, HUNTER SENT the case to Judge Raymond P. Drymalski, who returned it to Hunter with little delay. Next, Hunter sent it to Boyle.

After Boyle's decision, Mrs. Sherman observed: "I was like a 'Ping-Pong ball for a while.'"